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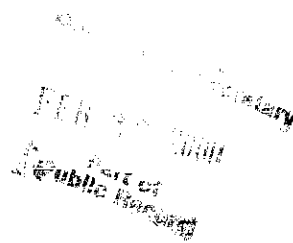
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
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Dear Sir,

*The Quebec Port Authority is a crown agent that manage the port facilities in Quebec city area. The port is offering a direct access to railroad lines: the Canadian Pacific and also the Canadian National. Our tenants are major users of rail services in the United States and Canada.*

*We encourage the Surface Transportation Board to focus on whether the proposed CN-BNSF combination is good for shippers, not on hypothetical downstream effects. The CN-BNSF combination should be judged on its merits and if other carriers propose mergers, then these cases ought to be evaluated on their merits.*

Sincerely,

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